

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:76
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EXPLORATION OF CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of exploration of crude oil in Assam during the last three years;
- (b) the details of royalty paid to Assam against oil during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the royalty; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) The exploration efforts made by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) in terms of 2D Seismic, 3D Seismic and exploratory Drilling in the state of Assam during the last three year from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is as under:

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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ONGC	OIL	ONGC	OIL	ONGC	OIL
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2D Seismic data in Ground	NIL	487	NIL	505.89	121.15	524.01
Line Kilometer (GLKM)						

3D Seismic data in Square	322.39	587	162.41	354.97	218.07	267.70
Kilometer (SQKM)						

Exploratory well drilled	23	13	15	09	18	14
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In addition, Private/ Joint venture (Pvt/Jvs) companies has carried out 920 Line Kilometer (LKM) of 2D Seismic, 1351 SQKM of 3D Seismic and drilled 11 exploratory wells during last 3 years from 2009-10 to 2011-12.

(b) The Royalty paid by ONGC, OIL and Pvt/Jvs company under the PSC regime during the last three years from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is as under:-

(In Rupees Crore)

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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ONGC 392 388 540

OIL 1,039.88 1,047.02 1,218.82

Pvt/Jvs 6.53 6.13 #

Not available as production ceased.

(c) & (d) Currently there is no proposal for increase of Royalty.